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Joint Committee on Finance *100TH ANNIVERSARY 1911 - 2011*

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative Robin Vos

Date: May 31, 2011

Re: State Public Defender Report to JFC

Attached is a third quarter report on the 2010-2011 private bar appropriation from the State Public Defender Office, pursuant to s. 977.085, Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Dear Secretary Huebsch, Senator Darling and Representative Vos:

Pursuant to § 977.085, Stats, the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD) is submitting its third quarter report on the 2010-2011 private bar appropriation [§ 20.550(1)(d)].

Between July 1 and March 31, 2010, the SPD appointed counsel in 95,930 cases, including 40,000 that were assigned to private bar attorneys on a rotational or contract basis.

The approval of supplemental funding of \$5.4 million by the Joint Committee on Finance under § 13.10 in December addressed a portion of the private bar appropriation's FY11 under-funding. The remaining under-funding, currently projected to be \$3.4 million, will become the first draw on this appropriation in FY12. The amounts appropriated for the private bar appropriation in the pending biennial budget bill for 2011-13 do not address this carryover shortfall; thus we anticipate a similar shortfall at the end of the upcoming biennium.

State Public Defender collections are received in five categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, juvenile recoupment by counties, commitment recoupment by counties and court ordered payments. Following is a summary of the collections received, by category, during the first three quarters of fiscal year 2010-2011. In that period, the agency

referred client accounts valued at \$16,494,402 to the DOA-contracted collection agency. In return, the SPD received a total of \$193,632 (collected from clients) from the collection agency during the same period.

Collections – July 1 through December 31, 2010:

SPD Initiative:	\$ 604,123
Court-Ordered Attorney Fees:	\$ 33,509
Juvenile Recoupment:	\$ 250,334
Commitment Recoupment	\$ 25,377
DOA Contract Collections:	<u>\$ 193,632</u>
Total:	\$1,106,975

If we can provide any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

/S/

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